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The Honorable Robert S. McNamara  
The Secretary of Defense  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bob:

I transmit herewith five copies of our memorandum,  
The Effectiveness of the Air Campaign Against North Vietnam,  
1 January - 30 September 1966, in response to your request.

The present memorandum presents comprehensive analyses  
of some subjects not covered in our preliminary report to you of  
4 November. Among these are:

1. Third country attitudes toward the Rolling  
Thunder program;
2. A study of the expected consequences of  
mining the port of Haiphong;
3. A detailed reassessment of the interdiction  
aspects of the bombing programs against North Vietnam  
and Laos; and
4. A preliminary examination of North Vietnamese  
industry to determine the extent to which its evolution  
toward a war-supporting role may influence future target  
programs.

As you requested, we shall update our analysis at three-month  
intervals.

Sincerely,  
/s/ Richard Helms

Richard Helms  
Director

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